

GIRL ASSAILS SPY CHARGE

Student Soviet Accused
Calls It Disgusting

New York, Sept. 2 (AP)—An American college girl had one word today for Soviet charges that she was a "girl spy" in Russia last summer:

"Disgusting."

Joan Barth, 26, a tall, tanned political science student from Radcliffe College, Cambridge Mass., flew home from her latest Russian trip today and told news men at Idlewild Airport:

"It's a bombshell. I am considerably amazed and distressed."

She said the Russians had leveled no charges at her during her latest trip to the Soviet Union. She left there August 7.

Paper Makes Charge

A Russian newspaper said yesterday that Miss Barth (the paper spelled it "Bart") had acted as a spy when she demonstrated refrigerators at the American exhibition in Moscow last summer.

The paper said she tried to persuade Soviet youths to collect secret information by giving them chewing gum and rock 'n' roll records.

The girl's father, Harry Barth, of New York city, said the charges were "ridiculous." Barth, who is giving up a job as a buyer for a chain store, is to become an assistant professor of business management at Fairleigh Dickinson University at Rutherford, N.J.

"My daughter was sent to the Soviet Union to promote good will and was instructed by the State Department. I know my daughter and there is absolutely no basis for the spy charge."

Two Youths Named

The newspaper, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, made its accusations in connection with its running story of the escapades of two Soviet youths, Vyacheslav Repnikov and Rostislav Ribkin. The paper said the two had been recruited as spies by Richard Lane, of Los Angeles.

Miss Barth admitted that Repnikov was one of twenty or more Soviet students she had met in Moscow.



RUSSIA SAYS SHE SPIED—Joan Barth, of New York city, shown at New York's Idlewild Airport, said she was amazed and distressed by Soviet charges that she worked as spy while demonstrating refrigerators at American Exhibition in Moscow last summer. She is just back from Russia visit.

"I gave him tickets to the exhibition," she said, "but we gave tickets to many students—that was the exhibition's policy."

She also recalled distributing rock 'n' roll records and other material to Russian friends. She said she was sure there was nothing subversive about them.

The newspaper said that Allen W. Dulles, director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, tried to "poison our youth" by having his agents distribute pornographic books, rock 'n' roll records and pictures of Hollywood actresses. Russia classifies as pornographic any book with a bosomy cover.

Miss Barth has made three trips to the Soviet Union. She is a graduate student at Radcliffe (Harvard University), where she is specializing in Soviet Affairs.

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